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CPC TOWN HALL FORUM DRAWS MORE THAN 100 FOR SCHOOL DISCUSSION

About 100 persons attended the Central Planning Committee sponsored forum at the town hall last Friday evening.

Supt. F. Sumner Turner presided at the meeting devoted mainly to a reading and explanation of the regional consolidation school bill. John R. Marshall, consultant for the school building assistant commission of the State of Massachusetts, spoke to the audience on the work done by his department in assisting local communities in their planning for better schools.

Gill, Barnardston, Warwick and Northfield were represented at the meeting, with Leyden and the other member of the five town School Union 23 not represented.

Supt. Turner cited the inadequacies now existing in all of the school "plants" of the five towns and then pointed out the advan-

tages represented by a regional high school.

Marshall pointed out that his department was very much interested in assisting the towns of this Union in making a complete study of the educational system now existing in the various towns as well as developing a comprehensive plan for regional development. He also added that his department would necessarily recommend a regional school for this area unless the need was genuine, or unless tax figures and school population figures substantiated the desire for consolidation.

Marshall very emphatically said, "A regional school is better only if you make it better, but it is not better because it is bigger." It was stated during the evening that the total school population of the Union this year is 891.

Advent Christian Sunday School Plans

The annual meeting of the Advent Christian Sunday School in South Vernon, was held at the church Tuesday evening. Officers were elected for the coming year. The superintendent, Gordon C. Buffum, was elected by the church. The other officers were chosen as follows: Courtland Dunklee, assistant superintendent; E. W. Dunklee, secretary; Mrs. Gertrude Gibson, assistant secretary; Mrs. Esther Parsons, treasurer; Mrs. Hazel Kendall, auditor; Mrs. Gertrude Gibson, pianist; Warren G. Brown, librarian; Mrs. Evelyn White, cradle roll sup't.; Mrs. Eleanor Dunklee, home dept. sup't.; Miss Vera Vaughn, primary dept. sup't.

Committees are as follows: Missions, Mrs. Margaret Fox, Vera Holton, Audrey Waterman, and Herbert Bayles. Temperance, S. R. Kendall, Edward Parsons, Beverly Buffum, and Alan Waterman. Library, Mrs. May Leavitt, Mrs. Gertrude Gibson, Mrs. Eleanor Dunklee, Mrs. W. Blackstone, Sunniss, Mrs. Gertrude Gibson, Darrell Kendall, Rachel Parsons, Nancy Buffum, Harold Parsons. Visual education, Courtland Dunklee, S. R. Kendall and Herbert Bayles. Members of the nominating committee were Courtland Dunklee, Mrs. Margaret Fox and Alan Waterman.

The report of the librarian showed eleven books purchased during the past year, eight books donated, and 26 books and texts loaned to the library for circulation.

Rev. W. S. Bezanon announced that plans are being made to send a missionary from the denomination to Africa. It was voted to send the birthday offerings of the coming year for this project. It was voted to use the accumulated birthday offerings of the past year, amounting to \$17.33 for visual aid equipment in Japan, the need of which was described by Pastor Homeda in a letter received some time ago.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served after the meeting.

WCTU Holds Monthly Meeting, Sept. 21

The WCTU will meet at the home of Mrs. Lena Moor, Blinn road, Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 3 p. m., with Mrs. Grace C. Cornell speaking about her winter in California.

Plan Local Sports Program for Year

Coach Harold McLean of the High School announced that the fall sports schedule is now being completed and the complete program will be announced shortly.

The local touch football team will of course participate in Border League competition again this year. Several new applicants for places in the Border League have been taken under advisement. However, according to informants, it is not likely that the 4-team Border League will be expanded this year.

THE WAYFARER

by Gertrude C. Whitney

"HOBBIES"

Almost everyone has some hobby, or should have, for to pursue a hobby is to attach a stabilizer to the ship of life. It helps one to ride the waves more easily. And so, whether it be collecting stamps or coins, buttons or string, I suggest some sort of a hobby as a side issue.

One can be very serious about a hobby; it may become something more than an avocation, like painting, and more than one person has found himself or herself in the professional class eventually, just by improving one's leisure time.

The collecting of bird's eggs is a questionable habit, except by ornithologists for museum purposes. An extremely dangerous, though equally fascinating hobby among teenagers is the collection of fire-arms. So disastrous has it become that we understand the practice of requiring weapons collected to be rendered harmless, but in such a way that the outside appearance is unharmed — excellent idea. We have been hearing of too many tragedies lately caused by fire-arms in the hands of the inexperienced, ruthless or vicious.

Some hobbies are amusing, others educational. In our family we have a model-railroader, who spends hours in the cellar making tiny cars to scale and running them around a tiny railroad equipped with toy stations, semaphores, switches, tunnels, etc., with all sorts of scenic effects. These enthusiasts have their clubs visiting days, field-days and special magazines. If one would really like to see a very excellent model-railroad in operation, I would suggest

SALVATION ARMY PROGRAM ATTRACTS HUNDREDS, AS BAND, SOLOIST SHINE

Several hundred people attended the two-day Salvation Army program held at the town hall last week end.

The widely acclaimed Manchester, Conn. Band added laurels to its standards and received the plaudits of the crowds for its inspired performance. The band was conducted by Bandmaster C. Peter Carlson.

Bandman Fred Farrer thrilled each audience with his accomplished cornet solos and received continued applause for his work. He was joined by Robert Lyons in a cornet solo. Lyons lead the chorus as well as singing in the male quartet.

Col. William H. Fox, presided at the two-day meeting, assisted by

Brigadier C. D. Brindley and Major Small Nelson, as well as many other leading Salvation Army officials in the New England area.

Members of the sponsoring committee were: Unto Hantunen, chairman; Mrs. Unto Hantunen, secretary; Mrs. W. R. Moody, Harold Brismaster, the Rev. E. W. Blackstone, Gordon C. Buffum, Mrs. Phillip Porter, Mrs. A. F. Bennett, the Rev. Helen Bassett, Ernest A. Parker, William F. Hoehn, the Rev. George A. Bronson, the Rev. Lester White and Lawrence Quinn. Ushers were Harold Brismaster, Gordon Buffum, Lester White and Stanley Smolen.

Refreshments Sunday afternoon were served by the Home League of the Greenfield Corps of the Salvation Army.

a trip to Hillsboro, N. H., one of these crisp autumn days. Anyone would direct you to the model railroad club. It occupies the whole top floor. It is quite complicated; the fans hop to the switches, the lights come on in the tiny stations and factories, and tiny toy operatives are seen waiting to board the trains as they come shooting around, over perilous curves, over miniature falls, through tortuous tunnels and finally emerging on the other side of the "mountains". These men, not boys, mind you, will play at this fascinating game for hours. There are other sorts of railroad fans too, who work with models of a much larger type, they even have narrow gauge tracks laid out on the back lot and ride around in miniature trains. Some fans like to don the trainman's visor-cap, overalls and jumpers, and blue checkered kerchiefs, and play trainman for a day on some short line that is in the process of being abandoned, such as the "Hoot, Toot, and Whistle" line from Hoosac Tunnel to Readsboro, Vt.

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- 29—St. Ignace founded, 1709.
- 30—Ether used as an anesthetic for first time, 1846.

CLUBSTERS



The Andrews Sisters (La Verne, Maxene and Patty, in descending order) team up with Dick Haymes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday on CBS' "Club 15," which returns to the air Monday, Aug. 23.

A Step Ahead!

Bernardston is following the lead of Northfield in forming an informal Central Planning Committee.

Recent news announcements from Bernardston indicate that the CPC in that community will be a representative organization with what appears to be all of the clubs, organizations and churches joining in the formation of the group.

It's apparent and immediate purpose being to facilitate the discussion of the proposed regional consolidation of high schools in this area. It is hoped that the Bernardston CPC will get off to a strong start and take its place in the community as a vigorous and constructive force.

Certainly the continued establishment of local planning committees will go far in assuring a co-operative and harmonious spirit in this area.

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THIS-A AND THAT-A PLUS SOME DATA

Off the Record In the spacious dining room of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Boston late in August, Ben Hogan was lecturing a group of newsmen in advanced golf.

As non-playing captain of the United States team, Hogan was in Massachusetts for the Ryder Cup challenge match at the Belmont Country Club. The occasion marked Ben's first public appearance since he was sidelined by injuries suffered in a Texas highway crash last February.

At that time he rated as perhaps the finest golfer in the world. Winner of every major title in the country at least once and holder of the Vardon Trophy as golf's most consistent scorer, the game meant about \$90,000 a year to him. (Time Magazine, January 10th, 1949.)

Now taking things easy, Hogan has no idea when he will be able to play tournament golf again. I putt a little, he says, and sometimes I walk nine holes just for the fun of it, but I'm not ready yet. Tanned, with blue-gray eyes and dark hair, Ben is not jovial. But he is courteous and thoughtful.

At 17 he tried the tournament circuit and went broke. Seven years later nobody could beat him.

STOCK CAR RACING

Off the cuff ... Stock car racing, the sport which combines speed with the more amusing aspects of a multiple traffic accident, is now one of America's fastest-growing forms of entertainment. Authority for that statement is Roland Turgeon, announcer at the Westboro Stadium, which track regularly plays host to some 5000-plus fans on Friday nights.

The men who drive these cars — there are roughly between four and five hundred in New England — race on the average of four or five nights a week. With a little luck a driver winning a qualifying, semi-final and feature race can make himself upwards of three hundred dollars for an evening's work.

Practically all stock cars are Fords. Essentially they differ from the conventional automobile in only four ways. They have high speed rear ends, safety rim wheels, twin carburetors and high compression heads. Turgeon, incidentally, was careful to explain that stock car racing has attained its popularity without the benefit of betting, a contributing factor to the success and well-being of both regular and harness-horse racing.

BIG LEAGUE PENNANT RACES

Off the Grapevine One of the fascinations of baseball pennant races, when they reach the stage the American and National League are in, is that there are no easy games. Once in a while, of course, you'll get a game where a contender runs all over the opposition. But generally they're all tough, particularly the ones that are decided by one run.

Tom Meany, in his column in the Morning Telegraph, recently commended Abe Green of the NBA for presenting a heavyweight championship belt to Ezzard Charles. "If ever I saw a fighter who needed a belt," wrote Tom, "it is the new champ." ... Johnny Vandermeer, only pitcher in baseball ever to hurl two consecutive no hit, no run games, says his biggest thrill was coming back to the majors after being sent to the minors.

Hockey is not only the fastest game on ice, but it is also the game in which officials miss fouls the fastest. The most overlooked penalty in hockey is probably interference. ... Although Babe Ruth had some great home run years, he never hit more than five in one season at Comiskey Park, Chicago. This makes Ted Williams grin, because he has already hit six there so far this season.

One Minute Interview ... Asked how he liked being a caddy, a youngster at the Marlboro Country Club replied: "Well, it's the only job I know of where you get paid for holding the bag!"

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Although we have received but 8 books for the children on our last order, I cannot bear to keep them off the shelves any longer. Fortunately we have at least one for different age groups.

For the older girl, we have a new edition of "Questions girls ask" by Helen Wehlimer, which has been completely revised by E. L. O'Neill, founder and director of Junior Councils, Bethlehem, Pa.

We quote: It is "the book that teen-age girls the country over have found so enjoyable and helpful ... You'll find here tested up-to-the-minute guide posts that will help to make sure you will 'belong,' achieve, be beloved and finally to become a happy person."

Some of the questions girls ask — which are answered here, are: As long as I am hurting no one why can't I make my own rules? Do boys want girls to know how to cook?

What can I talk about to boys? For the 10-12 age group, Hugh Lofting has another Doctor Doolittle story, the first in fifteen years. Doctor Doolittle and the Secret Lake, is the tale of the good Doctor's voyage to the Secret Lake in Africa to rescue an old, old turtle Mudface, who lived since before the days of Noah. This will no doubt be on our reserve list for months to come.

Picture book of Massachusetts, by Bernadine Bailey, in the B

group, is an attractive little book designed to give the first lesson in the history of our state and country in a pleasing manner.

Along Laughing Brook, by Thornton Burgess, the fifth in his newest nature series needs no advertising. They are favorite bedtime stories.

Richard Bennett, a new author to us, has given us the picture book story of Mick and Mack and Mary Jane.

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Mary Jane was a mountain mouse, and they all lived together in a little house — now read and see what happened.

Two other picture books are Factory Kitty, by Helen Hoke and Blueberries for Sal, by Robert McCloskey. Sal went blueberrying — so did Little Bear and his mother — and somehow they got all mixed up together. Bears love blueberries and so did Sal.

It seems that in real life, Sal is the author's own small daughter and lives in Maine, but she is not telling whether she actually saw a bear. Could be!

For the boys who like baseball John R. Tunis has written another fine baseball story of the Brooklyn Dodgers, called Highpockets. We have this on our shelves.

F. F.

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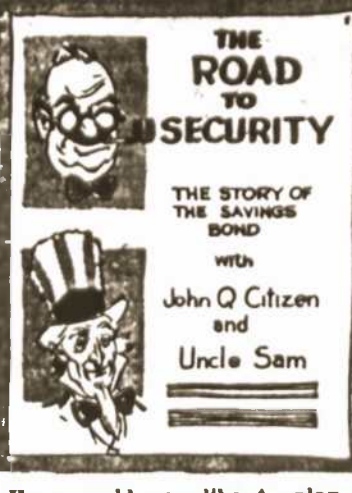
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By DICK CORMIER

During the past two weeks, I have received two letters regarding the column which I wrote about the Eleanor Roosevelt-Cardinal Spellman feud. Mr. Robert H. Stocker of Abington, Mass., is in complete disagreement with my viewpoints while Mr. John T. Morgan of Wheelwright agrees with them. In the case of Mr. Stocker, his letter has already been published so I will not reprint it here, but I will make references to it.

In my column, I quoted the late President Roosevelt as approving of Government aid to Parochial Schools and then I asked if Mrs. Roosevelt had ever read this. Mr. Stocker stated that since both are individuals and, as such, are entitled to their own private opinions. I don't intend to deny this at all, but, if Mrs. Roosevelt actually and sincerely holds this opinion why didn't she forward it at the time of her husband's declaration?

I think that Mr. Stocker has based his second statement upon a misinterpretation of what I wrote. He wrote, "To me it doesn't seem foolish to be causing a lot of commotion and fuss over spending some of our American money to support parochial schools." What I did say was, "Doesn't it seem a little foolish to be causing a lot of commotion and fuss over spending some of our American money TO HELP OUR OWN CITIZENS WHEN THE SAME MRS. ROOSEVELT TURNS RIGHT AROUND AND WANTS THE U. S. TO BACK HER UNITED NATIONS TO THE HILT." In short, I think that some of our philanthropic charity should begin at home.

Another point that Mr. Stocker seems to have confused is the difference between "aid" and "support." I can't recall when any Parochial School has ever asked the government to build their schools or pay their teachers. To my way of thinking that is support. Aid, on the other hand, encompasses the bestowing of equal privilege on both systems.

These privileges include transportation, the procurement of fundamental text books and equal health benefits.

Mr. Stocker further stated that since public schools were provided for all citizens, he could see no reason why taxpayers should be forced to aid any private school. By the same token, why should supporters of Private Schools be expected to pay Public School taxes. I don't smoke, therefore, I don't pay a cigarette tax. Neither do I drink, therefore, I don't pay a liquor tax. But, the supporters of these Parochial Schools are not trying to evade their tax obligation, they are trying to obtain the same "aids" that non-parochial supporters receive for their money.

Another oft-forgotten point is this. Where would the tax-rate of the city of Worcester for example, be if all the Private Schools in the city were closed and the taxpayers had to provide adequate facilities for teaching these children? Overcoming such a circumstance would entail the building of new schools and the addition of more teachers to the city payroll. All at a tremendous cost.

I would like to remind Mr. Stocker that teachers in Parochial Schools have to pass the same State Exams as those in Public Schools and their school curricula has to be approved by the same State School Board. Therefore Parochial supporters have just as much control over their schools and what is taught in them as the taxpayers have in regards Public Schools, for this State Education Board represents all the citizens of the whole state.

Mr. Stocker claims that the parochial school system is wrong since it separates children according to their religious background and tends to breed intolerance. Some of my best friends are of a different creed, yet, I am still very proud to have them as friends. I think that with few exceptions, this is generally true throughout the whole country.

You staunchly declare, Mr. Stocker, that there should be no "official religion" in this country. I agree with you wholeheartedly but after checking what I wrote, I could find no place where I even mentioned the subject.

You asked where the Protestants or Moslems go to school in Spain. In closing I ask you to check on the same problems for Catholics and Jews in Sweden and Switzerland. The answer will shock you I'm sure.

By way of contrast here is Mr. Morgan's letter: "We will always have with us the atheist, the communist and the Christian bigot, a trio who are ever ready to stand shoulder to shoulder and give battle with every weapon at their disposal against the right of parochial schools to Federal aid. We can understand the reasoning of the atheist and the communist but why the christian bigot should oppose aid to the only real democratic school system in the nation is somewhat puzzling. For the parochial schools alone welcome children of all creeds and color. In the South, Negro children, regardless of creeds, are not permitted to attend classes in some of the public schools. Should the Barden bill become law, the Negro schools in the south will not receive any Federal aid despite the fact that the parents of these children attending the Negro schools are willing to send their children to school with the Whites.

"Further if there is any justice in the land, why tax the parents of children attending private schools to support public schools when the public schools in their cities are overcrowded. Massachusetts would go bankrupt if she was forced to build schools to house all the scholars attending private schools.

"If we hold that the religion to which parents adhere must be left to their free choice then parents must be free to choose the schools which their children attend. To say that a child may attend the school of his parents choice and then to insist that his parents should not be assisted because that school is not a public school would seem to discourage the freedom of religion which our constitution guarantees. To attach a penalty to that freedom would seem to limit that freedom in fact if not in theory. Catholic schools and colleges are powerful aids for the advancement and extension of democracy in the United States. There are no fellow travelers or commie sympathizers teaching in these institutions. Something for which the Nation should be grateful."

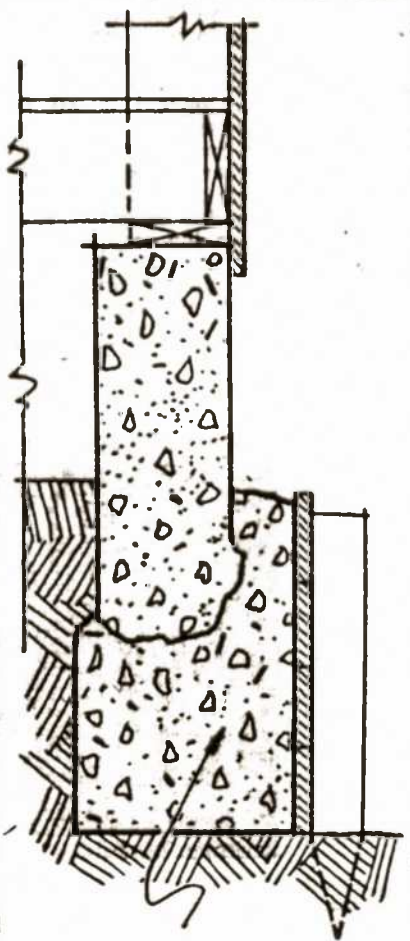
I think Mr. Morgan it is quite evident that I agree with you. However, if you check more closely, I think you will find that southern negro schools are state-supported and therefore would not be affected by the Barden Bill.



Building Repairs Urged Immediately

Delay Adds Cost, Extends Damages

An unusually severe winter has taken a heavy toll of farm buildings. Winds and snows have torn at roofs. Spring thaws have washed out and weakened foundations. Buildings have settled. Agricultural engineers point out that repairs should be made quickly.



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To support an undermined foundation, jack up the fill and dig out under the foundation. Fill the excavated area against the wood form with concrete (1 part cement, 2 parts sand, and 5 parts coarse aggregate.)

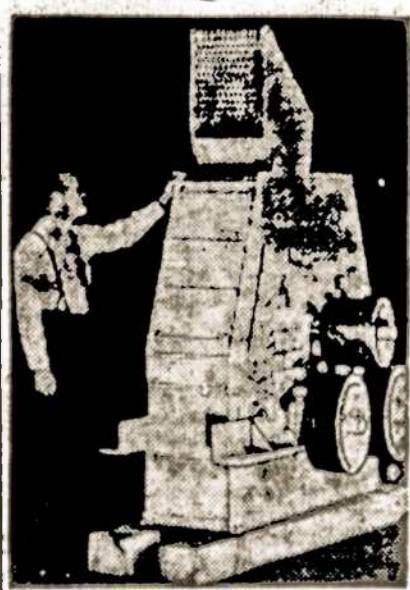
To delay will only extend the damage and add to the cost of restoring buildings to a sound condition.

When the foundation does not extend below the frost line, or has been undermined:

1. Use jacks under the sill every 10 feet and square up the building.
2. Excavate 10 or 12 foot sections at 10 or 12 foot intervals. The excavation should extend under the full width of the wall, plus enough to provide an adequate footing, and go down below the frost line.
3. Form and place the new footing. Allow new concrete to set, remove the form, and backfill against the new foundation. Grade the yard so water will flow away from the foundation, and make sure the roof drainage system is clean, adequate, and in good repair.

Farmers will find it far easier and more economical if they select a roofing material, such as fire-resistant asphalt shingles which can be applied right on over the old roof.

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Poultry Flock Care Calls for Sanitation

Good care of the poultry flock calls for sanitation, declares John Weeks, of the Auburn Polytechnic Institute extension service poultry division. He says it is the best way to prevent poultry diseases.

Another important thing to remember, he points out, is that the amount of heat required depends upon kind of house, kind of brooder, and age of chicks. Check; should be kept comfortable.

"Here's the Pitch"

By "Bump" Hadley

WBZ-TV Sportscaster and Former Major League Pitcher

NO MATTER how the American League pennant race comes out, it is obvious that the Boston Red Sox will need some face lifting before another year rolls around.

The old boy with the scythe is catching up to some of the Red Soxers, notably Bobby Doerr. Now Doerr isn't an old man, as men go. Frankly, I'd like to be as young as Bobby right now. But the fact remains Bobby is "old" in a baseball sense. He may have another full year. Again, he may not. If Bobby can play half the games next year, and play them well, he'll do all right.

Bill Goodman can play the other half. Goodman isn't too rugged, and a full 154 games would be pretty tough on him. But to split the assignment with Doerr, might help them both.

That leaves first base open. It's almost certain that big Wally Drape, currently slugging close to .800 out on the Coast, can play first base satisfactorily.

Though Ted Williams and Dominic DiMaggio aren't getting any younger, they should be good for several more years of peak performance. The Sox have two other good outfielder prospects coming along, Tom Wright and Bill Pearson, who should help give the team a far stronger "bench" than was the case this year.

Pitching may be a problem. The only Red Sox farm hand at the moment who looks ready for major league competition is Will Nixon, a right hander, with Louisville. But Mel Parnell, Chuck Stobbs and Maurice McDermott are still youngsters.

If they get by this year, they should hold together for a few more years.

School Activities

The first day of school at Northfield High School opened with an attendance of 183. The day started with the singing of "Our Old Home" and "Onward Northfield". Mr. Leonard explained the school program for the year.

Twenty-four students have elected art which will be given by Mr. Edson Crafts of Greenfield.

The new students who have entered Northfield High are: Donald McCamie, who lives on Northfield Mountain and who has entered the Freshman Class. He comes to us from Oodidge Junior High School in Natick.

Frank Turner, son of Supt. F. Sumner Turner, has entered the Junior Class.

Roger Lopes and Peter Haack have entered this school from Mount Hermon.

Seven girls and three boys from last year's eighth grade class have enrolled at the School for Girls and Mount Hermon. Those who

have entered Northfield School for Girls are: Sally Field, Janet Ryan, Maria Smith, Betty Smith, Joan Phelan, Nancy Jack and Shirley Sibley.

Those who have entered Mount Hermon are: James Livingston, Carole McNeil, and Deane Laphear.

Dennis Griswold also has been transferred to Mount Hermon. He was a member of the last year's Freshman Class.

Louise Black has moved to Barnardston and is now attending Powers Institute.

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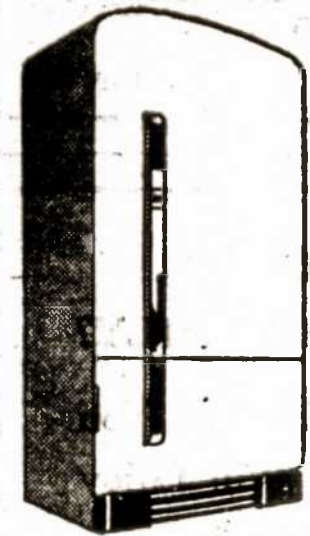
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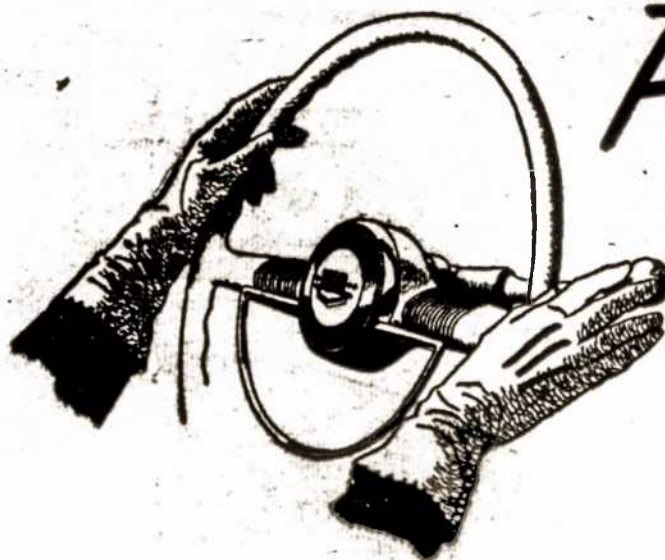
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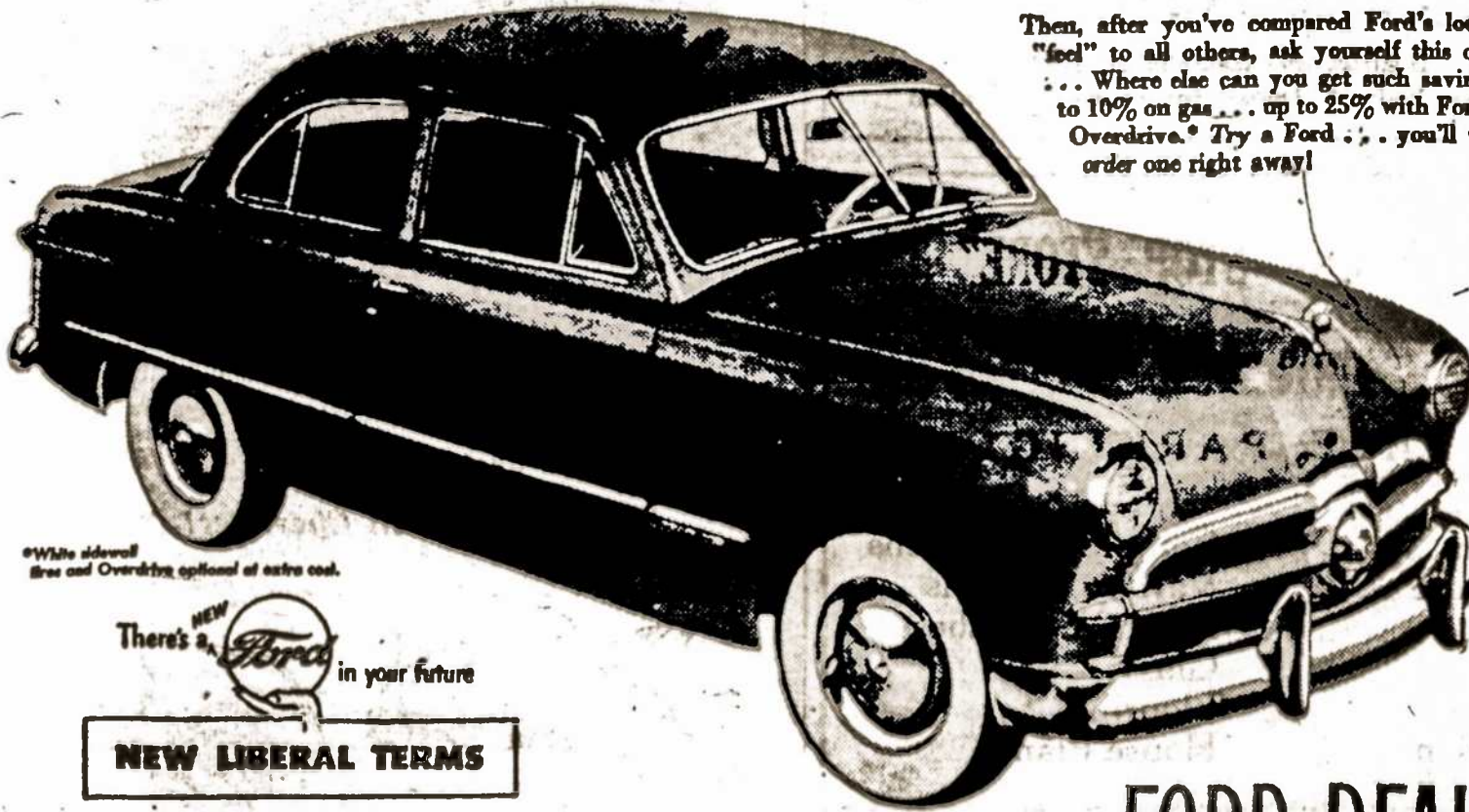


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